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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH RCE**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006 in this case, for which a response is due November 28, 2006. A request for a two (2) month extension of time to respond and an RCE are enclosed, so this response is timely filed and entitled to entry. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.